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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking into the Review of
the California High Cost Fund B Program.

Rulemaking 06-06-028
(Filed June 29, 2006)

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S RULING
ESTABLISHING WORKING GROUPS TO ADDRESS
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A REVERSE AUCTION MECHANISM**

The Assigned Commissioner's Ruling (ACR) dated December 13, 2007, adopted a plan to utilize working groups to address designated issues relating to implementation of a reverse auction mechanism as contemplated in Decision 07-09-020.

In response to the ACR, various parties submitted nominations to participate in the working groups. Based on the nominations, membership rosters are hereby established as set forth in the Appendix of this ruling. The issues to be addressed by each of three Working Groups were designated in the December 13, 2007 ACR. As a modification, however, the issues separately designated for Working Groups 2 and 3 will be combined and addressed by a single Working Group. Given the interrelated nature of the issues involved, consolidating Working Groups 2 and 3 is more efficient. Accordingly, the first Working Group will address carrier eligibility for participating in the auction. The second Working Group will address reverse auction bidding protocols, including issues relating to the service area which may be covered by a bid, and the selection of a pilot project area for conducting one or more test auctions.

A representative of the Commission's Communications Division will serve as facilitator and coordinator for each of the Working Groups. For Working Group 1, the staff coordinator is Tyrone Chin (phone: 415-703-1633; email address: tch@cpuc.ca.gov). For Working Group 2, the staff coordinator is Donna Wong (phone 415-703-4223; email address: dgw@cpuc.ca.gov).

Subject to general oversight by the staff coordinator, each group will be responsible to establish its own meeting schedules and processes for exchanging information and developing recommendations to Commission. The Communications Division staff coordinator shall promptly schedule an initial meeting of Working Group members to begin the process of addressing the technical issues. Each of the working groups shall be allotted 45 days to proceed with meetings, to exchange ideas and information, and to seek consensus on the designated questions set forth in the December 13, 2007 ACR. Where consensus is not reached, participants should seek at least to narrow areas of difference and to explain any dissenting positions within the report, with relevant supporting rationale.

The date of February 21, 2008 is set for each of the Working Groups to file and serve a progress report, setting forth any consensus reached, or summarizing dissenting positions, as applicable. Upon receipt of these reports, a further determination will be made as to next steps, including the need for follow-up workshops, discovery, and/or written comments.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The membership rosters for the Working Groups set forth in the Appendix hereto are hereby adopted.
2. The Working Groups shall address the issues as previously designated in the December 13, 2007 ACR. The issues that were separately designated for

Working Groups 2 and 3, however, will be combined and addressed by a single Working Group.

3. For Working Group 1, the Communications Division staff coordinator is Tyrone Chin (phone: 415-703-1633; email address: tch@cpuc.ca.gov). For Working Group 2, the staff coordinator is Donna Wong (phone 415-703-4223; email address: dgw@cpuc.ca.gov).

4. Each staff coordinator shall promptly schedule an initial meeting of the Working Group members to begin addressing the assigned technical issues.

5. Subject to general oversight by the staff coordinator, each group shall establish its own meeting schedules and processes for exchanging information and developing recommendations to Commission.

6. Each Working Group shall file and serve a progress report with the Commission by February 21, 2008, setting forth the recommendations where consensus is reached on each question that was posed in the ACR dated December 13, 2007. In response to questions where no consensus was reached, the report shall set forth alternative positions, and the parties sponsoring such positions.

7. After receipt of these reports, further guidance will be provided concerning next steps in the design and implementation of a reverse auction pilot project.

Dated January 7, 2008, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ RACHELLE CHONG

Rachelle Chong
Assigned Commissioner

Appendix

Membership Roster for Reverse Auction Working Groups

Working Group 1: Carrier Eligibility Issues

Commission Staff Coordinator: Tyrone Chin

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**Membership Roster for
Working Group 1:**

Party	Lead	Alternate
AT&T	Michael Foreman	Beth Fujimoto
Comcast	Peter Casciato	John A. Gutierrez
Cox	Esther Northrup	Marg Tobias
DRA	Karin Hieta	Michele King
Frontier	Charlie Born	Joe Chicoine
Small LECs	Sean Beatty	Patrick Rosvall
Sprint Nextel	Pete Sywenki	Chris Frentrup
T-Mobile	Leon M. Bloomfield	Susan Lipper
TURN	Trevor Roycroft	Christine Mailloux
Verizon	Robert T. Tanimura	Donald C. Eachus

Working Group 2: Bidding Protocols and Pilot Project Test Area

Commission Staff Coordinator: Donna Wong

(Phone 415-703-4223; email address: dgw@cpuc.ca.gov).

**Membership Roster for
Working Group 2:**

Party	Lead	Alternate
AT&T	Richard Clark	Peter Hayes
Comcast	Michael D. Pelcovits	Peter Casciato
Cox	Doug Garrett	Marg Tobias
DRA	Terry Murray	Michael Greer
Frontier	Charlie Born	Randy Brockman
Small LECs	Sean Beatty	Patrick Rosvall
Sprint Nextel	Chris Frentrup	Pete Sywenki
T-Mobile	Dave Conn	Susan Lipper
TURN	Regina Costa	Trevor Roycroft
Verizon	Dennis C. Weller	Donald C. Eachus

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Dated January 7, 2008, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JEANNIE CHANG

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